axiomatic and traditional in all other religions, are denied by Christianity. If Christianity nevertheless maintained prayer side by side with its belief in the all-wise and all-provident divine reason (a belief that makes prayer really senseless and even blasphemous), it showed here once more its admirable " wisdom of the serpent." For an outspoken command, " Thou shalt not pray," would have led Christians by way of boredom to the denial of Christianity. In the Christian *ora et labora ora* plays the r61e of pleasure. Without *ora* what could those unlucky saints who renounced *labora* have done ? But to have a chat with God, to ask him for all kinds of pleasant things, to feel a slight amusement at one's own folly in still having any wishes at all, in spite of so excellent a father—all that was an admirable invention for saints,

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A HOLY LIE.—The lie that was on Arria's lips when she died *(Paete, non dolet* *) obscures all the truths that have ever been uttered by the dying. It is the only holy *lie* that has become famous, whereas elsewhere the odour of sanctity has clung only to *errors.*

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THE MOST NECESSARY APOSTLE. — Among twelve apostles one must always be hard as stone, in order that upon him the new church may be built.

*The wife of the Stoic Thrasea Paetus, when their complicity in the great conspiracy of 65 A.D. against Nero was discovered, is reported to have said as she committed suicide, " It doesn't hurt, Paetus."-—TR.